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THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Will the Prohibition Question be Resubmitted?

The questions of prohibition, new

constitution and re-submission of

a very small figure in the late election

in Kansas. The last three or four

weeks of the campaign, save in three

or four counties of the state, one of

which was Sedgewick, these questions

were entirely lost sight of or ignored.

The Eagle for reasons stated at the

time and early in the campaign came

out strongly for re-submission. The

Republican party of this county, in its

conventions, endorsed the position and

nominated its candidates distinctly on

that platform. Nearly all of the

prohibitionists, either endorsed the

course or conceded that in face of the

supreme court's decision, something

was necessary to be done to finally

settle the question satisfactorily to a

majority of the people. The majority

of course most rule and the

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A THIRD PARTY.

A third party organization is being

talked up for the state of Kansas.

St. John more than hinted at the

program in his speech. The effort is

being strongly urged by disinterested

Democrats and so-called independent

outs. If the move is resolved upon,

and we are sure we have no objec-

tions, let the Democrats and inde-

pendents make up its rank and file.

We hope to see Republicans stand

aloof. All through the west, pre-

siding the election, St. John clubs con-

sisting entirely of Democrats, were or-

ganized. These were simply decoys

ducks, as the vote proved, that every

Democratic member of

these clubs voted for Cleveland.

A prohibition

party made up of Democrats and fan-

atics would look quite formidable but

certainly find the Democrats voting

for the Democratic nominees, leaving

the remainder of the third party an

insignificant affair.

J. S. Clarkson, the Iowa member of

the Republican national central com-

mittee, was elected by the prohibition

party of Iowa, through the columns of

the Chicago Tribune enumerates the

causes of the defeat. He assigns four

causes, the principle one being the ac-

tion of the prohibitionists. He says

in the St. John campaign knavery

and credulity joined hands to sta-

ble the Republican party. Water on

the brain dulled the wits of the

prohibitionists and in trying to defeat

the Republicans they were not aware

they were committing suicide. They

have helped to give the Republicans a

set back, and they have made an

end of temperance legislation tempo-

rarily by bringing the rum party into

power. It is probable before a year is

over that they will be ready to turn

and kick themselves for their stupidity

or to kick the blatherskite St. John,

whom they so blindly followed into

the ditch. Of all mysterious things in

the campaign of 1884 the most mys-

terious will always be the

innocent credulity with which

men professing to be intelligent sup-

posed that the federal government

would be able to regulate summary

matters in the States, that by act

of congress or constitutional amend-

ment drunkenness could be stopped

from drinking whiskey and Germans

drinking beer, and that states would

ever consent to hand over the manage-

ment of a purely local question in such

a manner except to the District of

Columbia. It will not take long, how-

ever, to undeceive these water-sited

individuals. They will realize the mis-

chief they have done, not to Republi-

cans—for that is only temporary—but

to the cause of temperance, which

they stupidly imagined they were ad-

vancing.

A DEMOCRATIC ESTIMATE.

The New York Sun in reviewing

the Republican defeat and Mr.

Blaine's present attitude, says that

Mr. Blaine is only fifty-four years old.

Men who were voters before he was

born are still active and powerful in

slapping public affairs. If he health last

and Mr. Blaine's vital powers appear

to be uncommonly elastic, he ought to

be good for about a quarter of a cen-

tury more lively work. His defeat in

the convention of 1876 did not blast

his hopes. His defeat at Chicago four

years later did not paralyze him. We

were very much mis-aken in our esti-

mate of brother Blaine's endurance, if

we find now that anything has been

crushed or wrecked in him except his

hopes of being inaugurated as presi-

dent of the United States March 4th

next year, and possibly his faith in

the political value of Rev. Dr. Bur-

dett.

THE DOG AND HIS TAIL.

There are Democrats in Wichita,

and we suppose in all other northern

cities, who assert that Cleveland's ad-

ministration will be controlled by the

conservative Democratic element of

the north. Sensible men have but to

think a moment to settle this question

themselves. Can one-fourth domi-

nate three-fourths? Can the tail wag

the dog? Has there ever been a Demo-

cratic President since the days of Jack-

son who has not been controlled by the

conservative element? Cleveland is

the tail of the dog, and he will be

controlled by the dog. The dog is the

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THE WICHITA DAILY EAGLE.

WICHITA, KANSAS, SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER, 22, 1884.

The Chicago Tribune says St. John

received \$30,000 from the Democrats

for his campaign against the Republi-

can party.

The New York Tribune says a num-

ber of federal office holders in the

southern states are resigning their po-

sitions, having been notified that they

are no longer needed in the south.

The New York World and New

York Graphic say that the Hon.

Roscoe Conkling, a suitable gentle-

man for New York Democrats to sup-

port for United States Senator from

that state.

A Washington special to the Kansas

City Times says:

The Evening Star announces the

return of Jerry Barker, of Kansas, to

Washington, who says he is a candi-

date for and will receive the appoint-

ment of solicitor of the treasury from

President Cleveland.

"Angels and ministers of grace de-

scend us! This is an exhibition of gall

without a parallel! When the rascals

are turned out!" to let "Jerry Barker,

of Kansas," in as solicitor of the treas-

ury, the effect is overpowering. Let

Jerry have a whack at the treasury of

course! "Reform is necessary!"

And who is there so base as to insin-

uate that "Jerry" couldn't plaster re-

form and honesty on every stone in

Washington? Room for the great

modern reformer who is to "turn the

rascals out," Jerry Barker, of Kansas.

—Champion.

THE SENATE.

The control of a clear working ma-

jority in the Senate ought without

doubt to assure the defeat of an ex-

treme change of the tariff by the Dem-

ocrats during the next congress. The

number of Republicans who would

vote for such a measure, it is believed,

is not as great as the number of Dem-

ocrats in the senate who would vote

against it. Nevertheless, the extraor-

dinary importance of putting beyond

a doubt the safety of industries for

two years will prompt Republicans

everywhere to give special atten-

tion to the election of senators. It is

one of the important results of the re-

cent contest that the Republican have

secured legislative majorities and

United States senators in several of

the states which the Democrats have

previously carried. Their splendid ef-

forts have not been in vain, even if

they secure no other result than the

safety of industries and the protection

of the public credit and the national

currency for two years longer.—New

York Tribune.

RANDALL WON'T DO.

The suggestion of Samuel J. Ran-

dall for secretary of the treasury is

simply ridiculous. Mr. Cleveland

will make no such blunder as that ap-

pointment would be. The great ques-

tion of the immediate future is the

tariff, and on that question Mr. Ran-